

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As we look to our days, O God, we sense that there is so much to achieve and accomplish that we can become perplexed by our ability to fulfill what we want to do. It is our petition, O gracious God, that we would hear your still small voice which reminds us that Your Spirit dwells in our hearts and gives us that peace that others cannot give. We are grateful that in a world filled with the busy rhythms of time and the demands of the day, we can be confident in Your presence and in Your blessings that hold us, support us, and renew us. This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. ETHERIDGE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ETHERIDGE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 24, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Due to the time constraints on my new assignment on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I will not

be able to continue serving on the Committee on Banking.

Sincerely,

FRANK A. LOBIONDO,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

RECONSTITUTION OF REVIEW PANEL OF OFFICE OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

The SPEAKER. In order to provide for the completion of ongoing proceedings in accordance with section 506 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995—Public Law 104-1—the Review Panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices is, without objection, and with the concurrence of each appointing authority, reconstituted in the 105th Congress in the same form as at the end of the 104th Congress.

The Clerk will read the names of appointees.

The Clerk read as follows:

By the Speaker: Mr. Randy Johnson and Mr. Alan F. Coffey, Jr.

By the minority leader: Ms. Karen Nelson and Ms. Marda Robillard.

By the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight: Representative DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Chairman and Representative NEY of Ohio.

By the ranking minority member of the Committee on House Oversight: Representative JEFFERSON of Louisiana and Representative PASTOR of Arizona.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT TO NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT AND POLICY COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 3(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 104-169 and the order of the House of Thursday, February 13, 1997 authorizing the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House, and upon consultation with the minority leader, the Chair, on February 13, 1997, appointed Mr. John Wilhelm of Washington, DC to the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission on the part of the House.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF VISITORS TO U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy: Mr. DICKS of Washington and Mr. TANNER of Tennessee.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF VISITORS TO U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 194(a) of title 14,

United States Code, the Chair appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Mr. GEJDENSON of Connecticut.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF VISITORS TO U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 1295b(h) of title 46, United States Code, the Chair appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. MANTON of New York.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF BOARD OF VISITORS TO U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy: Mr. HEFNER of North Carolina and Mr. SKELTON of Missouri.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF BOARD OF VISITORS TO U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy: Mr. HOYER of Maryland and Mr. MCHALE of Pennsylvania.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF REGENTS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43) the Chair appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. TORRES of California.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 103, Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), the Chair appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. BONIOR of Michigan.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center